

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
OCTOBER 25, 2006**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSITION 50 CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES ([GUIDELINES](#))

DISCUSSION

In November 2002, voters approved the *Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002* (Proposition 50) authorizing the issuance of bonds to fund a variety of water quality improvement projects. The 2005/06 Budget Act appropriated \$23 million of Proposition 50 funds for CBI projects. Additional funds amounting to approximately \$4.5 million will also be available from Proposition 13. The CBI Guidelines have been prepared pursuant to Proposition 50 and enacting legislation (Water Code §79505.6).

State Water Board staff have engaged stakeholders in the development of these Guidelines through several venues. Staff conducted initial scoping meetings with the Clean Beaches Task Force (CBTF); then held public workshops to solicit comments on the draft Guidelines in San Francisco and Newport Beach in September 2006. In addition, the draft Guidelines were posted on the State Water Board website for public review and feedback.

The Guidelines contain an overview of the grant process, eligibility requirements, program priorities, proposal solicitation, review and selection process, general requirements, evaluation criteria, and the information that will be required for submittal. The main topics covered by the Guidelines are summarized below:

A. Eligibility Requirements and Program Priorities

Applicant and project eligibility shall be consistent with the requirements of Water Code §79148. The Guidelines identify priorities for research and implementation projects. Up to \$10 million of the available funds are reserved for projects that address critical research priorities.

The remaining funds will be for eligible projects that reduce bacterial contamination at priority beaches. Priority beaches are those that meet any one of the following four criteria, or are on the Competitive Location List (Table 2 in the Guidelines):

1. High frequency (>4 percent) of bacterial standard exceedences during weekly monitoring of coastal waters (as specified in Health and Safety Code, Section 115880 (AB 411) (Statutes of 1997, Chapter 765);
2. A known public health threat or source of human sewage discharge to ocean waters adjacent to a beach;
3. The beach received a grade of "C", "D", or "F" on Heal the Bay's report card at least once during the previous three AB 411 time periods (April 1 to October 31); or
4. Demonstrated bacterial contamination problems. Monitoring results must be provided to demonstrate contamination.

In addition, bonus points will be given to projects that address the following program preferences:

- ❖ Integrates into a larger project and provide multiple-benefits;
- ❖ Contributes expeditiously and measurably to the long-term attainment and maintenance of water quality standards by implementing a total maximum daily load;
- ❖ Eliminates or significantly reduces pollution into areas of special biological significance (ASBS);
- ❖ Consistent with an existing Coho salmon, steelhead trout, or other threatened or endangered species recovery plans; or
- ❖ Improves water quality in disadvantaged communities.

B. Grant Process

The CBI Grant Program solicitation will be a two-step process. In the first step, applicants will submit Concept Proposals (CPs) through the State Water Board's on-line Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST). All complete and eligible CPs will be evaluated and scored by the CBTF using FAAST, and then the CBTF will meet to discuss the projects and determine the score for each CP.

Applicants with the highest-ranking CPs will be placed on a Recommended Project List (RPL) and invited to submit detailed applications. The RPL will include categories for both research and implementation projects, and will contain more projects than there is funding available. The RPL will be presented at a State Water Board meeting for public comment and State Water Board adoption.

After the State Water Board has adopted the RPL, Division of Financial Assistance (Division) staff will assist the applicants in preparing detailed applications. Funding commitments will be issued by the Deputy Director of the Division in the order complete detailed applications are received until the funding is exhausted.

POLICY ISSUES

- a) Should the State Water Board adopt the CBI Grant Program Guidelines?
- b) Should the State Water Board authorize to the Deputy Director to make preliminary grant commitments and to execute grant documents for projects on the RPL?

FISCAL IMPACT

The Propositions 13 and 50 local assistance funds have been appropriated to the State Water Board. The State Water Board has been provided with state operations funds from Propositions 13 and 50 to administer the programs.

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS IMPACT

Yes, Coastal Regional Water Boards.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the State Water Board adopts the Proposition 50 CBI Grant Program Guidelines.

That the State Water Board authorize the Deputy Director to make preliminary funding commitments and to execute and/or amend grant agreements for projects on the RPL.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2006 -**

ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSITION 50 CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI)
GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES ([GUIDELINES](#))

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer approximately \$4.5 million in bond funds from Proposition 13, and approximately \$23 million in bond funds from Proposition 50 for the CBI Grant Program;
2. Up to five percent of the funds appropriated under Proposition 50 is available to the State Water Board for administrative costs;
3. The State Water Board staff, along with member of the Clean Beaches Task Force worked together to develop a list of program priorities;
4. The Guidelines establish the evaluation criteria and the review and selection process for the CBI Grant Program; and
5. The draft Guidelines have been distributed for public comment through the State Water Board's website and Lyris list, and public workshops were held in September 2006 to discuss the major concepts of the Guidelines and to solicit comments on the draft Guidelines. Comments received have been taken into consideration in the final Guidelines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board adopts the Proposition 50 CBI Grant Program Guidelines.

The State Water Board authorizes to the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to make preliminary funding commitments and to execute and/or amend grant agreements for projects on the List.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on October 25, 2006.

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Clerk to the Board

Attachment 1. COMPETITIVE LOCATION LIST

COUNTY	BEACH NAME
Sonoma	Campbell Cove Beach
Marin	Muir Beach
Marin	Golden Hinde
Marin	China Camp
Marin	McNears Beach
San Francisco	Crissy Field Beach (Station 202.4)
San Francisco	Aquatic Park Beach
San Francisco	Candlestick Point at Windsurfer Circle
San Francisco	Baker Beach at Lobos Creek
San Mateo	Pillar Point Harbor Beach
San Mateo	Venice Beach at Frenchman's Creek
San Mateo	Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Beach at San Vicente Creek
San Mateo	Marina Lagoon Beaches
Santa Cruz	Main Beach at the Boardwalk
Santa Cruz	Rio Del Mar/Seacliff Beaches
Santa Cruz	Cowell Beach
Santa Cruz	Capitola Beach West of the Jetty
Monterey	Stillwater Cove Beach
San Luis Obispo	Pismo Beach at the Pier
San Luis Obispo	Avila Beaches at San Juan & San Luis Streets
Santa Barbara	East Beach at Mission Creek
Santa Barbara	Jalama Beach
Santa Barbara	Arroyo Burro Beach
Ventura	Rincon Beach
Ventura	San Buenaventure Beach near San Jon Rd
Ventura	Kiddie and Hobie Beaches
Los Angeles	Surfrider Beach
Los Angeles	Topanga Beach
Los Angeles	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Street
Los Angeles	Mothers Beach
Los Angeles	Dockweiler Beach at Ballona Creek
Los Angeles	28 th Street Beach in Manhattan Beach
Los Angeles	Herondo Beach
Los Angeles	Escondido Beach in Malibu
Los Angeles	Marie Canyon in Malibu
Los Angeles	Latigo Point

COUNTY	BEACH NAME
Los Angeles	Solstice Creek
Los Angeles	Los Flores Creek
Los Angeles	Pulga Canyon at Will Rogers
Los Angeles	Santa Ynez and Castlerock, Pacific Palisades
Los Angeles	Paradise Cove
Los Angeles	Zuma Creek
Los Angeles	Sweetwater Canyon
Los Angeles	Tuna Canyon
Los Angeles	Redondo Beach at the Pier
Los Angeles	Cabrillo Beach
Los Angeles	Colorado Lagoon Beaches
Los Angeles	Avalon Beaches
Orange	Huntington Beach at Brookhurst and Magnolia Streets
Orange	Newport Bay - 19 th Street Beach
Orange	Newport Bay - 38 th Street Beach
Orange	Newport Bay - 43 rd Street Beach
Orange	Harbor Patrol Beach
Orange	Newport Dunes Beaches
Orange	Monarch Beach
Orange	Baby Beach
Orange	Doheny State Beach
Orange	Santa Ana River - beaches both sides
Orange	Poche Beach
San Diego	Pacific Beach
San Diego	Ocean Beach/Dog Beach
San Diego	Oceanside Beach at San Luis Rey River
San Diego	Buccaneer Beach at Loma Alta Creek
San Diego	Border Field SP/Tijuana Slough NWR at Tijuana River
San Diego	Imperial Beach
San Diego	Mission Bay at Bonita Cove
San Diego	Mission Bay at Campland
San Diego	Mission Bay at Visitors Center
San Diego	San Diego Bay Beach at Shelter Island
San Diego	San Diego Bay Beach at Spanish Landing
San Diego	San Diego Bay Beach at Bayside Park
San Diego	San Onofre State Beach at San Mateo Creek